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District Attorney Jackie Lacey Thanks Governor for Posthumous Pardon of Civil Rights Leader

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey thanked California Governor Gavin Newsom today for granting a posthumous pardon to civil rights leader Bayard Rustin.

District Attorney Lacey expressed her support for the pardon in a letter to Governor Newsom in which she condemned the blemish left on Mr. Rustin's legacy by a 1953 conviction and underscored the significance of Mr. Rustin's contributions to advancing civil and human rights.

"Your pardon of this distinguished man would redress an ugly chapter in our state's history and ensure this dedicated and brave civil rights leader is given his rightful place in the annals of our great nation," District Attorney Lacey wrote.

[Click here to read letter.](#)

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.